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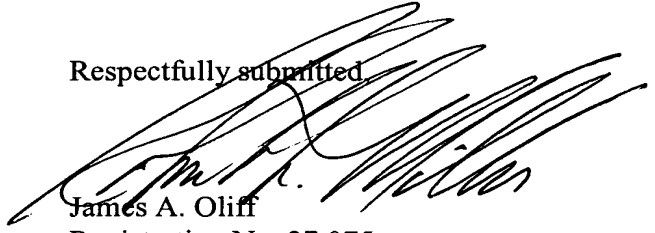
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- ☒ 2. Relevance of the non-English language reference 4 is discussed in the present specification.
- ☒ 3. The references 1-3 were cited in a counterpart foreign application. An English language version of the foreign search report is attached for the Examiner's information.
- ☒ 4. English language Abstracts of the non-English language references 1-4 are attached hereto.

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- ☒ 5. A computer-generated English language translation of the following Japanese references has been obtained from the website of the Japanese Patent Office (<http://www.jpo.go.jp>), and is attached, but has not been reviewed for accuracy. See References 1-4.

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